



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives established the third week in October as *National Teen Driver Safety Week*; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is home to more than 737,000 teen drivers; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers both in the State of Florida and nationally; and

WHEREAS, teen crashes decreased 9 percent between 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, teen drivers had the highest collision rate of any age group in Florida last year when nearly 27,000 teen drivers were involved in crashes and 247 people in the State of Florida were killed when a teen was driving; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles joins with various state and local agencies, safety advocates and industry partners to help reduce the number of teen crashes and ultimately to save lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida also recognizes the importance of safe teen driving programs and encourages parental involvement in helping young people to develop critical driving skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 16 - 22, 2011 as *Teen Driver Safety Week* in Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 13th day of October, in the year two thousand eleven.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, the Governor of Florida.

Governor